

REMARKS

In the Final Action dated January 5, 2006, claims 50-56 and 68-83 are pending and under consideration. Claims 50-56 and 68-79 are allowed. Claims 80-83 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as allegedly anticipated by Thomson (U.S. Patent 5,843,780) or Carpenter et al. (US2002/0019046 A1).

In an effort to advance prosecution, Applicant has canceled claims 80-83 without prejudice. Applicant reserves the right to pursue the subject matter of claims 80-83 in a continuation application. Withdrawal of the rejection of claims 80-83 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) is therefore respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is firmly believed that the subject application is in condition for allowance, which action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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